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Our bulletin offers up-to-date information on legislation that the MSFA is tracking. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the listed legislation, please contact us via phone or e-mail. Also, before addressing any Legislative matters, please contact the Legislative Committee so that we can keep the goals of the Maryland State Firemen's Association in the forefront.

We are here to assist with questions or concerns relating to the status of any particular piece of legislation. Should you have any information on issues of special interest to the Fire, Rescue, or Emergency Medical Services, please let us know.

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MSFA Bills of Interest
(February 25, 2021)

There have been **945 Senate Bills** and **1362 House Bills** introduced to date.

We are currently tracking **56** bills and they are following:

A breakdown of these bills are as follows:

MONITORING WITH SPECIAL IMPORTANCE: Important Status Change has announced hearing dates, please see below for updated status changes and committee work to perspective bills.

Bill/Chapter (Cross/Chapter)	Title	Sponsor	Current Status	Org Committees & Hearings	Opp Committees & Hearings
HB0286 (SB0099)	Hate Crimes – Law Enforcement Officers and First Responders	Delegate Hartman	In the House - Hearing 1/19 at 1:30 p.m.	Judiciary 1/19/2021 - 1:30 PM	
HB0888 (SB0620)	Income Tax – Subtraction Modification for Volunteer Fire, Rescue, or Emergency Medical Services Members – Active Status Points	Delegate McKay	In the House - Hearing 2/18 at 1:30 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/18/2021 - 1:30 PM	
HB1199 (SB0813)	Workers’ Compensation – Occupational Disease Presumptions – COVID–19	Delegate Valderrama	In the House - Hearing 3/02 at 1:30 p.m.	Economic Matters 3/02/2021 - 1:30 PM	
HB1333	Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Essential Health Care Workers	Delegate Brooks	In the House - First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations	Rules and Executive Nominations	
SB0099 (HB0286)	Hate Crimes - Law Enforcement Officers and First Responders	Senator Bailey	In the Senate - Hearing 2/04 at 11:00 a.m.	Judicial Proceedings 2/04/2021 - 11:00 AM	
SB0620 (HB0888)	Income Tax - Subtraction Modification for Volunteer Fire, Rescue, or Emergency Medical Services Members - Active Status Points	Senator Edwards	In the Senate - Hearing 2/17 at 1:00 p.m.	Budget and Taxation 2/17/2021 - 1:00 PM	

SB0812	Workers' Compensation - Occupational Disease Presumptions - COVID-19	Senator Klausmeier	In the Senate - Hearing 3/09 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance 3/09/2021 - 1:00 PM	
SB0813 (HB1199)	Workers' Compensation - Occupational Disease Presumptions - COVID-19	Senator Klausmeier	In the Senate - Hearing 3/09 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance 3/09/2021 - 1:00 PM	
SB0872	Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Volunteer Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services	Senator Jackson	In the Senate - Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m.	Budget and Taxation 3/03/2021 - 1:00 PM	

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Bill/Chapter (Cross/Chapter)	Title	Sponsor	Current Status	Org Committees & Hearings	Opp Committees & Hearings
HB0109 (SB0254)	Public Safety – Maryland Swimming Pool and Spa Standards – Adoption	Delegate Stein	In the House - Hearing 1/26 at 1:30 p.m.	Environment and Transportation 1/26/2021 - 1:30 PM	
HB0345 (SB0503)	Public Utilities - Gas Service Regulator Safety (Flower Branch Act)	Delegate Charkoudian	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Economic Matters 1/14/2021 - 1:30 PM	Finance
HB0552 (SB0389)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Emergency Service Transporters - Reimbursement	Delegate Hornberger	In the House - Hearing 2/09 at 1:30 p.m. (Health and Government Operations)	Health and Government Operations Appropriations 2/09/2021 - 1:30 PM	
HB0737 (SB0570)	Emergency Services – Exposure to Contagious Diseases and Viruses –	Speaker	In the House - Hearing 2/23 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations 2/23/2021 - 1:30 PM	

	Notification and Other Requirements				
SB0254 (HB0109)	Public Safety - Maryland Swimming Pool and Spa Standards - Adoption	Senator McCray	In the Senate - Hearing 2/03 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings 2/03/2021 - 1:00 PM	
SB0389 (HB0552)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Emergency Service Transporters - Reimbursement	Senator Gallion	In the Senate - Hearing 2/02 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance 2/02/2021 - 1:00 PM	
SB0503 (HB0345)	Public Utilities - Gas Service Regulator Safety (Flower Branch Act)	Senator Smith	In the Senate - Hearing 2/16 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance 2/16/2021 - 1:00 PM	
SB0570 (HB0737)	Emergency Services – Exposure to Contagious Diseases and Viruses – Notification and Other Requirements	President	In the Senate - Hearing 2/17 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance 2/17/2021 - 1:00 PM	

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Bill/Chapter (Cross/Chapter)	Title	Sponsor	Current Status	Org Committees & Hearings	Opp Committees & Hearings
SB0712	Vehicle Laws - Protective Headgear Requirement for Motorcycle Riders - Exception	Senator Hough	In the Senate - Hearing 2/23 at 2:30 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings 2/23/2021 - 2:30 PM	

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<u>HB0022</u> (<u>SB019</u> <u>5)</u>)	Environment - PFAS Chemicals - Prohibitions and Requirements	<u>Delegate</u> <u>Love</u>	In the House - Hearing 2/02 at 3:45 p.m.	<u>Health and</u> <u>Government</u> <u>Operations</u> 2/02/2021 - 3:45 PM	
<u>HB0386</u>	Property Tax Credit - Disabled or Fallen Law Enforcement Officers and Rescue Workers - Federal Criminal Investigator	<u>Delegate</u> <u>Malone</u>	In the House - Hearing 1/19 at 1:30 p.m.	<u>Ways and</u> <u>Means</u> 1/19/2021 - 1:30 PM	
<u>HB0509</u>	9-1-1 Specialists - Classification as First Responders	<u>Delegate</u> <u>Acevero</u>	In the House - Hearing 2/17 at 1:30 p.m.	<u>Health and</u> <u>Government</u> <u>Operations</u> 2/17/2021 - 1:30 PM	
<u>HB0513</u> (<u>SB069</u> <u>5)</u>)	Maryland Non- Emergency Medical Transportation Fund and Task Force to Study the Maryland Non- Emergency Medical Transportation Fund	<u>Delegate</u> <u>Young, K.</u>	In the House - Unfavorable Report by Appropriation s; Withdrawn	<u>Appropriation</u> <u>s</u>	
<u>HB0581</u> (<u>SB048</u> <u>6)</u>)	Labor and Employment - Employment Standards During an Emergency (Maryland Essential Workers' Protection Act)	<u>Delegate</u> <u>Davis, D.E.</u>	In the House - Hearing 2/05 at 11:00 a.m. (Economic Matters)	<u>Economic</u> <u>Matters</u> 2/05/2021 - 11:00 AM <u>Appropriation</u> <u>s</u>	
<u>HB0696</u>	Public Safety - Consumer and Display Fireworks	<u>Delegate</u> <u>Hornberger</u>	In the House - Hearing 2/16 at 1:30 p.m.	<u>Judiciary</u> 2/16/2021 - 1:30 PM	

<u>HB0733</u> (<u>SB057</u> <u>2)</u>)	Retirement Tax Reduction Act of 2021	<u>Speaker</u>	In the House - Hearing 2/11 at 1:30 p.m.	<u>Ways and Means</u> 2/11/2021 - 1:30 PM	
<u>HB0735</u> (<u>SB057</u> <u>3)</u>)	Income Tax Subtraction Modification – Correctional Officers, Law Enforcement Officers, and Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services Personnel (Hometown Heroes Act)	<u>Speaker</u>	In the House - Hearing 2/11 at 1:30 p.m.	<u>Ways and Means</u> 2/11/2021 - 1:30 PM	
<u>HB0836</u> (<u>SB074</u> <u>1)</u>)	COVID-19 Testing, Contact Tracing, and Vaccination Act of 2021	<u>Delegate</u> <u>Pena-Melnyk</u>	In the House - Hearing 2/23 at 1:30 p.m. (Health and Government Operations)	<u>Health and Government Operations</u> 2/23/2021 - 1:30 PM <u>Appropriation</u> <u>s</u>	
<u>HB0886</u> (<u>SB093</u> <u>5)</u>)	Public Safety – Elevator Inspections – Transit Compact Authority	<u>Delegate</u> <u>Lewis, J.</u>	In the House - Hearing 2/18 at 1:30 p.m.	<u>Environment and Transportation</u> 2/18/2021 - 1:30 PM	
<u>HB0922</u> (<u>SB064</u> <u>2)</u>)	State Retirement and Pension System - COVID-19-Related Death Benefits - Clarification	<u>Delegate</u> <u>Lierman</u>	In the House - Hearing 2/24 at 1:30 p.m.	<u>Appropriation</u> <u>s</u> 2/24/2021 - 1:30 PM	
<u>HB0935</u> (<u>SB064</u> <u>0)</u>)	Emergency Community Services Fund	<u>Delegate</u> <u>Bartlett</u>	In the House - Hearing 3/11 at 1:30 p.m.	<u>Appropriation</u> <u>s</u> 3/11/2021 - 1:30 PM	
<u>HB0951</u> (<u>SB037</u> <u>0)</u>)	Income Tax Subtraction Modification – Military and Public Safety Retirement Income	<u>Delegate</u> <u>Washington</u>	In the House - Hearing 2/18 at 1:30 p.m.	<u>Ways and Means</u> 2/18/2021 - 1:30 PM	

<u>HB1313 (SB0067)</u>	Emergency Medical Services - Paramedics - Vaccination Administration	<u>Delegate Mangione</u>	In the House - Hearing 2/23 at 1:30 p.m.	<u>Health and Government Operations</u> 2/23/2021 - 1:30 PM	
<u>HB1326 (SB0727)</u>	Maryland Healthy Working Families Act – Revisions and Public Health Emergency Leave	<u>Delegate Dumais</u>	In the House - Hearing 3/02 at 1:30 p.m.	<u>Economic Matters</u> 3/02/2021 - 1:30 PM	
<u>SB0067 (HB1313)</u>	Emergency Medical Services – Paramedics – Vaccination Administration	<u>Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee</u>	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	<u>Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</u> 1/19/2021 - 2:00 PM	<u>Health and Government Operations</u>
<u>SB0078</u>	Public Safety - Law Enforcement and Emergency Medical Services Providers - Administration of Ketamine	<u>Senator Waldstreicher</u>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/03 at 1:00 p.m.	<u>Judicial Proceedings</u> 2/03/2021 - 1:00 PM	
<u>SB0101</u>	Criminal Law - Public Safety - Interference With Agencies and Services - Prohibitions	<u>Senator Kagan</u>	In the Senate - Hearing 1/20 at 11:00 a.m.	<u>Judicial Proceedings</u> 1/20/2021 - 11:00 AM	
<u>SB0156</u>	Public Safety - Law Enforcement - Veterinary Care of Retired Law Enforcement K-9s Act	<u>Senator Kramer</u>	In the House - First Reading Judiciary	<u>Judicial Proceedings</u> 1/19/2021 - 11:00 AM	<u>Judiciary</u>
<u>SB0195 (HB0022)</u>	Environment – PFAS Chemicals – Prohibitions and Requirements	<u>Senator Elfreth</u>	In the Senate - Hearing 1/28 at 11:00 a.m.	<u>Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</u> 1/28/2021 - 11:00 AM	

<u>SB0370</u> (<u>HB095</u> <u>1</u>)	Income Tax Subtraction Modification – Military and Public Safety Retirement Income	<u>Senator Peters</u>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/02 at 1:00 p.m.	<u>Budget and Taxation</u> 2/02/2021 - 1:00 PM	
<u>SB0481</u> (<u>HB107</u> <u>5</u>)	State Fire Marshal - Investigations - Reporting Requirement	<u>Senator Carter</u>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m.	<u>Finance</u> 2/18/2021 - 1:00 PM	
<u>SB0486</u> (<u>HB058</u> <u>1</u>)	Labor and Employment - Employment Standards During an Emergency (Maryland Essential Workers' Protection Act)	<u>Senator Augustine</u>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m.	<u>Finance</u> 2/11/2021 - 1:00 PM	
<u>SB0572</u> (<u>HB073</u> <u>3</u>)	Retirement Tax Reduction Act of 2021	<u>President</u>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/10 at 2:00 p.m.	<u>Budget and Taxation</u> 2/10/2021 - 2:00 PM	
<u>SB0573</u> (<u>HB073</u> <u>5</u>)	Income Tax Subtraction Modification – Correctional Officers, Law Enforcement Officers, and Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services Personnel (Hometown Heroes Act)	<u>President</u>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/10 at 2:00 p.m.	<u>Budget and Taxation</u> 2/10/2021 - 2:00 PM	
<u>SB0631</u>	Public Safety – Statewide 3–1–1 Nonemergency Telephone System	<u>Senator Kagan</u>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/23 at 2:30 p.m.	<u>Judicial Proceedings</u> 2/23/2021 - 2:30 PM	
<u>SB0640</u> (<u>HB093</u> <u>5</u>)	Emergency Community Services Fund	<u>Senator Elfreth</u>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/17 at 1:00 p.m.	<u>Budget and Taxation</u> 2/17/2021 - 1:00 PM	

<u>SB0642</u> (<u>HB092</u> <u>2)</u>)	State Retirement and Pension System - COVID-19-Related Death Benefits - Clarification	<u>Senator Elfreth</u>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/18 at 9:00 a.m.	<u>Budget and Taxation</u> 2/18/2021 - 9:00 AM	
<u>SB0645</u>	9-1-1 Board – Procurement Reform	<u>Senator Kagan</u>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/17 at 1:30 p.m.	<u>Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</u> 2/17/2021 - 1:30 PM	
<u>SB0714</u> (<u>HB098</u> <u>9)</u>)	Public Safety - 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System - Alterations	<u>Senator Kagan</u>	In the Senate - Hearing 3/09 at 1:00 p.m.	<u>Finance</u> 3/09/2021 - 1:00 PM	
<u>SB0727</u> (<u>HB132</u> <u>6)</u>)	Maryland Healthy Working Families Act – Revisions and Public Health Emergency Leave	<u>Senator Feldman</u>	In the Senate - Hearing 3/17 at 1:00 p.m.	<u>Finance</u> 3/17/2021 - 1:00 PM	
<u>SB0741</u> (<u>HB083</u> <u>6)</u>)	COVID-19 Testing, Contact Tracing, and Vaccination Act of 2021	<u>Senator Rosapepe</u>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m. (Finance)	<u>Finance</u> 2/24/2021 - 1:00 PM <u>Budget and Taxation</u>	
<u>SB0865</u>	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Emergency Service Transporters - Reimbursement	<u>Senator Corderman</u>	In the Senate - Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m.	<u>Finance</u> 3/10/2021 - 1:00 PM	
<u>SB0867</u>	Criminal Law – Hate Crimes – First Responders	<u>Senator Corderman</u>	In the Senate - Hearing 3/10 at 12:00 p.m.	<u>Judicial Proceedings</u> 3/10/2021 - 12:00 PM	
<u>SB0935</u> (<u>HB088</u> <u>6)</u>)	Public Safety - Elevator Inspections - Transit	<u>Senator Augustine</u>	In the Senate - First Reading Senate Rules	<u>Rules</u>	

	Compact Authority				
<u>SB0940</u>	Public Safety - Fire Prevention Codes and Maryland Building Performance Standards - Solar Energy Generating Systems	<u>Senator Feldman</u>	In the Senate - First Reading Senate Rules	<u>Rules</u>	
<u>SJ0001</u>	Congressional Action - Surprise Billing - Air Ambulance	<u>Senator Kelley</u>	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	<u>Finance</u>	

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<u>HB0977</u>	Prince George's County - Public Safety and Behavioral Health Surcharges - Behavioral Health Programs PG 414-21	<u>Prince George's County Delegation</u>	In the House - First Reading Environment and Transportation	<u>Environment and Transportation</u>	
<u>SB0931</u>	Prince George's County - School Facilities and Public Safety Surcharges and Report - Sunset Extension	<u>Senator Jackson</u>	In the Senate - First Reading Senate Rules	<u>Rules</u>	